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TRUMAN WILL ASK INCREASE IN TAXES

FAIR ENOUGH

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—The tumult and the shouting have died and I observe that Major-General Harry H. Vaughan is still holding down his job in the White House as ostensible military aide to President Truman. He has not been indicted nor arrested and, as of this hour, no person with clean hands has made any charge against him beyond criticism of his ethics and sense of propriety.

Actually, General Vaughan is a political rather than a military aide to the president and should not have worn his soldier suit during the performance of the duties of this office. I believe it was the naive vanity of a National Guardsman, a rotarian sort of fellow who never thought to become a major-general and, having got his stars, naturally wanted to catch sidelong glimpses of them on his shoulders, that caused him to wear his regimentals in a sedentary civilian position long after the war. This was unwise because the ethics of the corps of officers of our regular army and navy, though too often honored in the breach, are so austere and pure that a politician in a general's uniform was bound to look bad.

Say what you will about the sorry, selfish conduct, even venality of some members of the "brass," the code itself is still a beautiful statement of principles and pledge of virtue and I am not joining in the nasty campaign against Vaughan when I observe that he wasn't up to it. How could he be? You have to be schooled in this code as a young man when your principles are juicy and few civilians can measure up to it and, be it added, unfortunately, too few officers, by civilian standards Vaughan was certainly no worse than average and by the moral standards of the White House under Roosevelt he was prim.

General Vaughan was an intermediary. Is that a low occupation? Not necessarily. Why, during the war when the "agencies" were proliferating all over the place like cancer in a body, the maze became so tangled that money was appropriated for a bureau to which even government officials could appeal for information about the titles, jurisdiction, location and chiefs of other bureaus. Nobody

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Yugoslavs Know Nation Nearing Climax In Struggle With Russia

Whole World Watching Situation With Mounting Anxiety

By Alex H. Singleton

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Yugoslav man in the street knew today his country was near the climax of a David and Goliath struggle with Russia which the whole world watched with mounting anxiety.

Through the Communist newspaper Borba he knew Marshal Tito's government had accused Russia of moving troops into neighbor cominform countries in the mounting war of nerves.

The press also informed him about the struggle in the United Nations for a place on the security council, with the United States backing Tito against bitter Russian opposition. The average citizen displayed intense excitement over the prospect of beating out Czechoslovakia at New York today for the security council seat.

There has been increasing evidence here that the more Russia attacks Tito, both in the United Nations and elsewhere, the more his proud, ruggedly individualistic people rally around him.

The Yugoslav press has told the citizenry about the United Nations struggle, but has been cautious against over-confidence. This Communist newspaper Borba used the story under this headline: "Election of Yugoslavia to security council would increase moral authority of U. N."

(In Trieste, a refugee Romanian Orthodox archbishop told Italian reporters Russia had concentrated troops along Romania's borders with Yugoslavia. Archbishop Burucea was quoted by the Italian news agency Astra as saying Romanian troops fortified the border recently and Soviet troops occupied a second line a few miles away from the frontier.)

The charges, printed in the official newspaper Borba, said Red army troops have moved into Romania. Fortifications are being built under Russian supervision along the Yugoslav borders in Bulgaria, Hungary and Albania, the paper declared.

(In Athens, well-informed intelligence officers said privately that Russia has placed five divisions along the Yugoslav borders in the last month.

(These sources—American, British and Greek—said Russia apparently feared that Tito was secretly backing plans for a revolt in the isolated Soviet satellite of Albania).

Borba's charges were the most specific accusations yet made in the Yugoslav capital about Russian troop movements. Two weeks ago Tito accused Russia and her satellites of

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POLITICS BECKONS AGAIN TO JAMES F. BYRNES

Here are recent pictures of former U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes who has announced that he is considering running for governor of South Carolina. The photos were made at his home in Spartanburg. Left: He reads at desk in his library. Right: He pauses on the lawn to play with his white-haired terrier, "Whiskers." Before his retirement from the Washington scene, Byrnes served as U. S. senator from South Carolina, justice of the U. S. supreme court, "assistant president" under President Roosevelt, and finally secretary of state. (AP Photos.)

Yugoslavia Wins Seat In Security Council Of U. N.

7-YEAR TERM GROWS TO 50

Prisoner's Escapes Make Chances Of Legal Release Dim

PARCHMAN, Miss., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Frank Moody, 28-year-old convict from whom federal communications commission inspectors seized three radio transmitters Sunday, had parlayed a seven-year prison sentence into a 50-year stretch, Warden Marvin Wiggins said today.

Wiggins said Moody was originally sentenced in 1939 in Jackson county in the southeast corner of the state. He was charged with robbery.

He escaped twice during his firsa four years as a prisoner, the warden went on. Resulting additional sentences ran his total term to the half century mark.

In Jackson the governor's office confirmed that Moody had a petition for clemency on file.

"Just like just about every other prisoner at Parchman," a spokesman said.

The spokesman said no action had been taken on Moody's petition and that no comment would be made until a decision is reached. He refused to say whether last Sunday's seizure would have any bearing on the governor's final decision. No report on the seizures has been received so far, he added.

Wiggins said that Moody's record had been excellent since his last escape and recapture six years ago.

The warden said Moody's trusty privileges had been revoked after the FCC visit and that he was now working in a camp about eight miles from prison plantation headquarters He

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Squeezes Out Czechoslovakia And Gets In By Minimum Vote

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Yugoslavia won a seat in the United Nations security council today over the Soviet-sponsored Czechoslovakia. The action by the 50-nation general assembly was a rebuff to the cominform Soviet bloc.

The vote on the second ballot, was Yugoslavia 39 and Czechoslovakia 19. Thirty-nine votes were required for election. Yugoslavia thus squeezed by on the minimum number of votes needed.

The United States supported Yugoslavia for the council seat now held by the Soviet Ukraine. The seating changes Dec. 31.

On the first ballot, Tito's regime got 37, Czechoslovakia 20, Afghanistan 1, Philippines 1.

Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky took the floor immediately after the results were announced.

Vishinsky charged the election of Yugoslavia was a violation of the U. N. charter because it failed, he said, to take into account provisions re-

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REDS IN CHINA HIT WESTWARD

May Be Ready For Death Blow To Nationalists On Mainland

HONG KONG, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Communists stabbed westward today in what may be the death blow to the Nationalists on China's mainland.

Chinese newspapers here reported that two government armies were routed in a Red thrust at Kweilin in the southwest. There was no confirmation.

Red General Lin Piao appeared to be trying to split the shattered Nationalist domain in two with a quick knockout of its last big mainland force—the 200,000-man force of General Pai Chung-Hsi.

Press accounts said the conqueror of Manchuria, Tientsin and Hankow sent veterans of the Reds' fourth field army straight at Pai's home

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President Calls For Settlement Of Strike

Urges Coal And Steel Labor And Management To Get Together

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President Truman suggested today that labor and management get together and settle the coal and steel strikes in the interest of themselves and the country.

The president told a news conference he still hopes that mediation will be successful.

The sooner employers and employes come to a conclusion and go back to work, he said, the better it will be for the country and themselves.

The twin strikes by Philip Murray's C. I. O. Steel Workers and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers have idled about a million men for almost three weeks.

Mr. Truman was asked what he would do if mediation efforts by conciliation Director Cyrus Ching fail to bring about a settlement. He replied he would cross that bridge when he came to it.

Coal negotiations between Lewis' miners and the soft coal operators still are under way in West Virginia. Ching is meeting today with representatives of U. S. Steel Corporation in New York.

Mr. Truman said in response to another question that he still plans to ask congress for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

It was known, however, that such measures as strike-stopping injunctions under the military draft laws are at least being considered by the president's aides.

"Don't rule out any of these pos-

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FOREIGN AID FUND MEASURE ADOPTED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—A bill financing the $1,314,010,000 program to help arm non-Communist nations sailed through congress last night after clearing a hurdle which had blocked it earlier in the day.

At one point, house members, angered at an amendment the senate had slipped into the measure, walked out of a conference committee meeting which had been called to reach a compromise.

The bill carries funds for purposes other than arms aid, and it was one of these minor appropriations—a $288,000 item to give senate office workers a pay raise—which caused all the trouble.

The house members finally agreed to an increase for all but certain gallery employes.

The other money provided in the bill will be used for these purposes:

The Atlantic pact nations will get $1,000,000,000 in arms aid, most of it after they approve a defense plan acceptable to this country. In addition, they will receive $450,000,000 worth of surplus U. S. weapons.

Greece and Turkey will get $211,380,000 in arms; Iran, Korea and the Philippines $27,640,000; and another $75,000,000 is set aside to be used at President Truman's discretion in the China area.

The bill also carries funds for:

Economic aid to Korea, military construction in Alaska and Okinawa; payment of war-time ship damage claims by Finland; planning and building federal buildings outside the District of Columbia; hospital construction; and public works in Alaska.

CONGRESS TO REST 75 DAYS

Members Go Home To Voters' Ideas On Running Country

LAWMAKERS JUBILANT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—With a 75-day breather ahead, members of congress went home today to listen to the voters' ideas about how to run the country.

Behind they left, along with their accomplishments, an imposing array of issues settled only temporarily—or not at all—in a 289-day session of the Democratic-controlled congress.

But it had been a busy, if sometimes an acrimonious, session, and the lawmakers greeted adjournment joyfully on both sides of Capitol Hill.

There was some horseplay; there were a few notes of criticism. And there was a congratulatory message from President Truman to send the legislators on their way.

The president noted in letters to House Speaker Rayburn and Vice-President Barkley, the senate's presiding officer, that it had been a long, hard session. Then he added:

"I am confident that the American people will agree that the results have been well worth while."

In the house chamber, three girls who work for congressional committees serenaded the representatives with "The Eyes Of Texas" and "Down By The Old Mill Stream."

In the senate, Senator Donnell (R.-Mo.) slyly poked fun at Barkley for

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RED FEATHER IS FAR FROM GOAL

Only 45% Raised Is Report Thursday Morning; Workers Lagging

At a report meeting of the chest campaign committee Thursday morning it was announced that only 45 per cent, a total of $20,098.36, of the campaign goal has been reached. An analysis of the drive to date shows that the advance gifts, composed of big gifts, chains, clubs and organizations, doctors and dentists, have attained approximately 59 per cent of their quota —$13,790.00 against a quota of $24,000,000. The general solicitation group, is lagging with a total to date of $3,941.00 against a quota of $21,000.00, however none of the West Monroe reports on this division have come in yet. The women's division is ahead with nearly 80 per cent of their quota of $3,000.00 made. This includes both Monroe and West Monroe house to house solicitation. There are five more groups in this division to report.

Over fifty per cent of the workers have not reported. It is felt by the committee that some of these workers are holding money until their cards have been completed. From contributions already received, the trend of giving is up, and if the cooperation of solicitors can be secured it is felt that our goal of $47,928.00 can easily be reached. Mr. Breard urges that when you go out for your morning or afternoon cup of coffee, drop by the chest office on your way, and give the young ladies on duty there a report on your cards.

The following acknowledgements are made:

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Deficit Is Blamed On 80th Congress

Asserts That Body Passed Rich Man's Tax Reduction Law; Asserts He Is Unhappy Over Deficit Financing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President Truman made it clear today he will ask for an increase in taxes at the next session of congress.

He told a news conference, under questioning, that if anybody can tell him any way to avoid tax increases to meet the deficit, he'd like to be told.

Congress went home last night but will come back in January.

Mr. Truman last January asked for $4,000,000,000 more taxes, but did not get them. He dropped the demand during the summer because of the business turn-down that had set in.

The statement of new plans to seek a tax increase at the next session grew out of news conference questioning about the $5,000,000,000 deficit which Mr. Truman said he had no plans to meet.

He blamed the deficit on the Republican-controlled 80th congress which he said passed a rich man's tax reduction bill.

Told that Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, resigning chairman of the economic advisory council, had said he was unhappy over deficit financing, the president said he was just as unhappy, as who isn't.

The president said he doesn't believe in deficit financing. But he commented that there is a flat charge of $35,000,000,000 against the government and he has no recourse but to meet it the best way he can.

Then someone asked if he had any remedy which would involve a request for a revision of the tax structure.

He said it may require a raise in taxes and then went on to say he doesn't know of any other way to meet the deficit.

He said the deficit was brought

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AUTO CONCERNS PLAN CUTBACKS

Action To Be Necessary Soon Unless Strikes Are Settled

SEE UNEMPLOYMENT

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Major automobile producers are planning cutbacks unless the nation's first twin steel and coal strikes are settled soon.

There's no indication of a settlement in the walkouts which have idled around a million workers.

Everything points to skyrocketing unemployment.

Only direct government intervention seems likely to end the stalemate which is costing an estimated $58,600,000 a week in lost wages.

The loss to business firms is staggering but there's no way of arriving at the exact amount. As one example, the coal-carrying Baltimore and Ohio Railroad said strikes had cost it $1,500,000 already this month.

President Truman is keeping a close watch on the situation. He's shown no sign of stepping in. However, if peace is not in sight by the end of the week he's expected to do something.

Ford, General Motors and Chrysler —the auto industry's "big three"—are agreed shutdowns are in prospect by mid-November if the twin walkouts continue.

General Motors will feel the pinch by the end of the month as will Chrysler.

Ford, which makes about half its own steel, will be forced to shut down most operations by about November 11 if the strikes run on. Its assembly operations could continue until November 15.

A G. M. spokesman says some of its auto plants may go on a four-day week by October 31.

Hundreds of smaller industries face shutdowns for lack of steel.

"The zero hour is now at hand for steel users," says the Iron Age, metalworking trade weekly magazine.

The twin strikes are costing the nation 1,400,000 tons of steel and 11,000,000 tons of coal each week.

Last Monday from 16,000 to 20,000 C. I. O. United Steelworkers struck nine plants of the Aluminum Company of America. That costs the nation around 7,750 tons of aluminum each week and is a body blow to fabricators who had thoughts of switching from steel to aluminum.

The steelworkers, who are plumping for free pensions and insurance, are giving up about $30,000,000 a week in support of their demands.

Then comes the 380,000 striking United Mine Workers. They are losing about $22,800,000 weekly to back up John L. Lewis' demands for a new contract.

The idle aluminum workers are losing around $1,200,000 a week.

And the railroad workers on coal hauling railroads are out about $3,000,000 weekly.

Add another $1,600,000 for the 27,000 employes who have been laid off in the steel fabricating industry and it totals a whopping $58,600,000 every seven days.

Cyrus S. Ching, top U. S. mediator,

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TRUMAN SEEKS ECONOMIC HEAD

Combs Through List Of Candidates To Replace Nourse

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President Truman was reported today combing through a list of candidates to take over the top spot on his economic advisory council following the resignation of Dr. Edwin G. Nourse.

Unless the president finds a successor to Nourse by Nov. 1, the role of ranking government economist will fall to Leon Keyserling, 41, a former New Deal lawyer who is now the council's vice-chairman.

A high official said it is considered almost certain, however, that Keyserling will not be the final appointee.

There was mention, among other possibilities, of Winfield William Riefler, 52, federal reserve economist. The White House said no choice has been made.

Another source, reporting that several persons have been sounded out, forecast privately there may be difficulty in filling the top spot in view of past conflict within the three-man council.

If Keyserling remains long in the acting chairmanship, some change in council policy seems certain.

Nourse was generally rated the council's most "conservative member; Keyserling is proud to have been among the earliest of the young men who rallied to the standard of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Nourse resigned, his associates say, because he felt the council should not mix in politics in such ways as promoting administration programs before congress. This to Nourse was vital—while a president might have to temper his economics in the light of politics, he held, the council should stand as an institution, not identified

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W. U. MERGER PLAN OFFERED

McFarland Says Proposal To Get Full Congressional Study

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (AP) A full congressional study of the Western Union Company's proposal for a single national telegraph system was promised today by Senator McFarland (D.-Ariz.).

McFarland, chairman of a senate communications subcommittee, said the plan submitted by Walter P. Marshall, president of Western Union, will be taken up when congress meets again in January.

Marshall, in a letter McFarland made public yesterday, said "this nation should have a single record communications company under private management and with appropriate government regulation for the protection of the public."

Western Union should be the nucleus of such a system, Marshall said, adding that the company is prepared, under certain conditions, to:

1. Buy the National and International Telegraph business of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, American Cable and Radio Corporation, R. C. A. Communications, Inc., and any other telegraph carrier operating in the United States.

2. Cooperate with the national defense establishment in developing an integrated system of domestic communications, making use of all the most advanced technological methods.

Marshall said his proposals were dependent on the enactment by congress of necessary legislation, satisfactory negotiations for purchase and the availability of credit for financing.

His recommendations, he said, would assure the nation of "a sound, solvent and aggressive record communications

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JURY IS UNDECIDED IN 'MERCY' DEATH

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20. —(AP)— A coroner's jury couldn't decide whether the "mercy shot" killing of 10-year-old Robert Elliott by his brother, Richard, 15, was accidental or homicidal.

The jury recommended yesterday that Richard be held for further investigation.

Richard, who didn't testify, wept through the inquest and fainted as he left the room, tumbling partway down a staircase. He was revived by his father, Dr. Harold M. Elliott.

Juvenile Officer Kenneth Carpenter related the story Richard had told him earlier: That Richard shot his brother accidentally while showing him a pistol and then said: "He was moaning. I just couldn't stand it, so I shot him again to end his agony."

Carpenter added that West Los Angeles boys are selling and buying guns "like hotcakes." Two adults involved in the case, William Straube, 22, and Paul Vincent, 41, will appear at a hearing Nov. 9 on charges of violating an ordinance prohibiting giving, lending or selling a gun to a juvenile.

EFFORT TO REVIVE FROZEN BOY FAILS

SHELBY, Mont., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Valiant physicians and firemen failed last night in an eight-hour fight to breathe life back into the frozen body of an 11-year-old boy.

Bruno Krystowiak, son of Polish displaced persons who came here a year ago, was pronounced dead eight hours after he was found unconscious in a snowbank.

Dr. S. A. Adaskavich tried to breathe life into the boy's mouth until a pulmotor arrived. Firemen used two artificial respirators in their futile efforts to revive the boy.

"There was enough body heat to warrant the attempt," the doctor said. "I have seen many persons frostbitten worse than Bruno survive."

The boy and his brother, Stanley, 15, became lost Tuesday in a blizzard near their ranch. Stanley found his way home but Bruno spent the night in a snowdrift a mile from their house.

Investigations Make 81st Congress Session Stormy

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—A fast-breaking series of sensational investigations helped make the first session of the eighty-first congress a stormy one from start to finish.

During their nine and one-half months at the legislative mill, lawmakers launched inquiries into national defense policies, the use of personal influence in government contracting, the atomic program, Communist activities and a wide variety of other matters.

They studied the operations of the coal and airline industries, so-called "kickbacks" on marine insurance, uncollected maritime commission bills, and the profits of middlemen in the food and oil business.

Their investigations reached into a long list of government departments —including the White House and the military establishment—and featured the testimony of some of the nation's best-known public officials.

Of all the congressional probes, top billing went to the inquiries into high strategy, the operations of the atomic energy commission and the activities of "five percenters."

The stormiest of them—the investigation of bitter navy charges that the nation's seapower is being stripped down to the danger point—is still underway even though congress has adjourned.

The atomic inquiry is still producing fireworks, too.

A report clearing the atomic energy commission of "incredible mismanagement" charges has been approved by the Democratic majority on the senate-house atomic committee. But the Republican members headed by Senator Hickenlooper, of Iowa, are at work on a dissenting document.

The five percenter inquiry, however, is over for this year and may never be resumed. It dealt with whether improper influence figured in the handling of government business.

That investigation brought President Truman's army aide, Major-General Harry H. Vaughan, to the

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Eisenhower Says United America Can Lick World

By Barney Livingstone

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower confidently told congress today he believes armed services unification will work "from this moment on" and "the unified America can lick the world."

He called on the quarrelling armed services and congress to give unification a chance and not to "panic" at the first setback.

The commander of allied forces in the victorious European war—now the president of Columbia University—stepped into the bitter inter-service row with this observation:

"We are expecting perfection too quickly."

He appeared before the house armed services committee to speak off the cuff on unification differences, and at the invitation of Chairman Vinson (D.-Ga.) to "give us the benefit of your advice."

"We are in hot water in the Pentagon, and we are in hot water up here," Vinson told him.

Eisenhower's advice simmered down pretty much to the view that things will work out all right if everyone will just take it easy and not get excited. In unification as in war, he said, setbacks must be expected.

From Gen. J. Lawton Collins, the army's present top leader, the committee had just gotten assurance that the army is not plotting to deny the famed marine corps its "right to fight."

Collins, army chief of staff, said "some of our marine friends have misrepresented the army's position.

"We have no slightest purpose to impose the army's will upon a sister service."

Collins testified before the house armed services committee. The committee is getting now the counter arguments against navy and marine complaints that present defense policy are lopsided—that they overemphasize the air force and strategic bombing while cutting down on the navy and marines.

Collins was replying to testimony that the house group got on Monday

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